

§ 3400.6

publication of a notice of change in the FEDERAL REGISTER. Coal production regions shall be used for establishing regional leasing levels under §3420.2 of this title. Coal production regions shall be used to establish areas in which leasing shall be conducted under §3420.3 of this title and for other purposes of the coal management program.

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§ 3400.6 Minimum comment period.

Unless otherwise required in Group 3400 of this title, a minimum period of 30 days shall be allowed for public review and comment where such review is required for Federal coal management program activities under Group 3400 of this title.

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Subpart 3410—Exploration Licenses

§ 3410.0-1 Purpose.

This subpart provides for the issuance of licenses to explore for coal

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deposits subject to disposal under Group 3400.

§ 3410.0-2 Objective.

The objective of this subpart is to allow private parties singularly or jointly to explore coal deposits to obtain geological, environmental, and other pertinent data concerning the coal deposits.

§ 3410.0-3 Authority.

(a) These regulations are issued under the authority of the statutes listed in §3400.0-3 of this title.

(b) These regulations primarily implement section 2(b) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended by section 4 of the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976 (30 U.S.C. 201(b)).

§ 3410.1 Exploration licenses: Generally.

§ 3410.1-1 Lands subject to exploration licenses.

(a) Exploration licenses may be issued for:

(1) Lands administered by the Secretary that are subject to leasing, §3400.2;

(2) Lands administered by the Secretary of Agriculture through the Forest Service or other agency that are subject to leasing, §3400.2;

(3) Lands which have been conveyed by the United States subject to a reservation to the United States of the mineral or coal deposits, to the extent that those deposits are subject to leasing under §3400.2; and

(4) Acquired lands set apart for military or naval purposes.

(b) No exploration license shall be issued for lands included in an existing coal lease.

§ 3410.1-2 When an exploration license is required.

(a) No person may conduct exploration activities for commercial purposes, including sale of data acquired during exploration, on lands subject to this subpart without an exploration license.

(b) An exploration license shall not be required for casual use.